



# **Mullaglass Primary School**

## **September 2018 Newsletter**

*Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2018!*

*We hope you find it useful, and any suggestions or comments would be gratefully received!*

*Thank you*

*Mullaglass PS Staff*

### **Beginning of Term**



Firstly, we extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and parents. Everyone looks fantastic in their neat uniforms and shiny new shoes and bags! Remember full uniform every day unless it's P E day.

### **House Teams**

On the first Friday assembly, all pupils were assigned to one of the 3 school teams - Gold Diggers, Glitter Bugs or Sparklers.

Mr Murphy sets a behaviour target each week e.g. good manners. He decides at the end of the week which class has met the target. This class gets 10 mins extra play and gets to keep the school bear, "Mulla-bear" for the next week.



Each week, a pupil of the week is chosen from each class for good work. Their good piece of work will be displayed in the entrance hall. This earns them 5 points for their team.

Also, these pupils have their break on Friday, with Mr Murphy, in the staff room as a special treat!

Mr Murphy visits each class on a Friday and awards 1 team point to each pupil who gets full marks in their Friday spelling test.

### **Arrival**

The school door opens at **8.50am** each morning when supervision is in place. Pupils

are asked to make their way to the assembly hall and wait with their class. This year we are asking pupils to bring a book to read until they are collected by their teacher at 9am. We hope this will help with pupils' reading and to encourage them to develop good reading habits. This will add up to an extra 50 mins of reading each week! Pupils are asked to take their school bags and lunch bags with them to the assembly hall.

### **After School Clubs**

This year Burns Skills Schools are running their afterschool programme on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Hockey is on offer on Tuesdays and Soccer is on offer on Wednesdays for this term. Different activities will be offered after Christmas.

Our own After Schools clubs for P1 - 3 on Mondays and Thursdays have been very well supported, and will continue at £1.50 per session.

### **Violin Lessons**

Mrs Ward continues her violin lessons on Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm.

### **Guest Speakers and Visitors**

Mr Rogers, Rev. Colvin and Joyce Walsh have been in to lead some of our weekly assemblies. Thanks to them for joining us.

P1 had a visit from the Newry Reporter and the Ulster Gazette taking photographs of our new P1s, so look out for smiling faces in the press!

### **Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club has started again to help our working parents get to work on time! It starts each day at 8.15am at a cost of £1.50 per child.



### School Funds

We would like to extend our thanks to those who have donated to school funds.

### Charities

This year, it is hoped that P1-7 will support Samaritan's Purse through the shoebox appeal.

### School Monies

A reminder that dinner money should be placed in a marked envelope in the box at the door on a Monday morning. Other monies can be put in here as well, as long as they are clearly marked with pupil names and what activity they are designated for. e.g. After schools Club, Breakfast Club etc.

### Harvest

A donation box will be available at the Harvest Assembly and Christmas Play with any money received being donated to Newry Hospice. Our harvest assembly will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am. All parents, family and friends are welcome to join us.



### Diary Dates:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Harvest Assembly at 9.15am.

Cash4Clobber Collection (bring any bags to Assembly Hall on Monday morning)

School Photographs (families with young children come early - from 8.30am onwards)

Parent / teacher consultations, please note that all pupils will go home at 2pm **ALL WEEK**. There will be **NO CLUBS** this week.

Fancy Dress/non uniform £1 towards playground fund

School closed for half term.

School re-opens for pupils.

Flu vaccine for whole school

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we held a "bring a bun" morning, when children got to bring in a bun or cake, and had an extended break time. We have raised £89 so far! Thank you for your support!

### Fund Raising Group

The School Fund Raising Group extend a warm welcome to new members. Anyone interested please contact the school office. We also welcome volunteers to help out at various events throughout the year if help is needed. Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the staff room. Our big fundraising effort for the next 3 years is to fundraise for outdoor play equipment. We are planning to install climbing and play equipment in the front garden and back playground.

### Shared Education

Peace IV Project. Our partnership with Kingsmills, Belleeks and Ballymoyer Primary Schools will continue this year with P1/2 and P6/7. Unfortunately, our first trip to Slieve Gullion was postponed due to the storm. Hopefully this will be rescheduled for later this month.

